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Local communities hosting fall events

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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REGION — The leaves and changing color and local communities and will have some fall events for everyone in the next few weeks including crafts and volunteer opportunities.

The Alton Business Association is looking for “little pumpkins” to paint a pumpkin for the fall display in Monument Square. The ABA will be hosting two events for kids to paint pumpkins for the display that will be on view through Halloween. The ABA will provide the pumpkins and the paint.

The first event will be this Friday, Oct. 11, in Alton Village from 3-7 p.m. The event will be at the Food Truck Friday



FILE PHOTO

The Barnstead Parks and Recreation Department is looking for people to decorate their trunks for the Trunk-of-Treat event on Oct. 26.

Event and will be hosted by Alton Market on Main. It will take place at 115 Main Street across the street from town hall

in the lot of the church parsonage.

The next decorating event will be on Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 3-6 p.m.

at Coldspring Farm. The pumpkin painting will be part of the Sixth Annual Alton Harvest Happenings on 74 Davis

Road.

Pumpkins decorated at the Paint-a-Pumpkin event will be part of the Pumpkin Patch at 5 Monument Square. People who can't be at any of the events can drop their pumpkins off on the display after Oct. 11. The pumpkins will be on display through Oct. 31.

The New Durham Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a pumpkin carving night on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The carving will be at the New Durham Public Library from 3:30-5 p.m. and the Parks and Red Department will provide all materials. Sign up is required, visit the New Durham Parks and Recreation website at www.ndparksandrec.com/home.

The Barnstead Parks and Recreation Department is looking for trunks for its annual Trunk-or-Treat event.

Trunk-or-Treat will take place at the Barnstead Community Center. **SEE FALL, PAGE A8**

GHS career program seeks businesses for job shadowing opportunities

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GILFORD — Students at Gilford High School are getting some more opportunities to explore a possible career through an extended learning opportunity program and the school is looking for area businesses that can offer job shadows and future internships.

This year GHS is offering expanded career exploration through the Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) program. Veteran educator Steve O'Riordan took the position of ELO coordinator this school year and is connecting students with local businesses, agencies, organizations, and others.

GHS Principal Anthony Sperazzo said the school has always had opportunities for internships and job shadows, but this year they created a dedicated position for this.

O'Riordan served as the business teacher at GHS for 22 years and retired at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. He was recently hired part time as the Internship and Extended

Learning Opportunities Coordinator.

Before coming to GHS, O'Riordan worked at the Huot Technical Center in Laconia for seven years and did internships for Laconia High School as well as a sophomore job shadow day.

“I loved my job at Huot working with kids (asking), ‘What did you want to be when you grow up?’” O'Riordan said. “Here doing this I get to go back to doing that. The idea is the same: to do that sophomore job shadow day.”

O'Riordan said this gives students the opportunity to experience learning outside the classroom environment.

“We all know that the classroom is a great place to learn, but certainly not the only place to learn,” O'Riordan said.

He said this way they get some real life experience. O'Riordan said a lot of older high school students aren't familiar with what jobs they can pursue.

“They only know what their parents do” **SEE CAREER, PAGE A6**

Golden Eagle golfers sweep at Derryfield



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ryan Folan earned medalist honors at Derryfield Country Club last Wednesday afternoon.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford golf team ran into two of the top teams in the division on Monday, Sept. 30, at Beaver Meadow in Concord.

The Golden Eagles finished with 77 points, with Bishop Brady taking the win with 90 points and Plymouth finishing in second with 84 points. Monadnock rounded out

the field of teams with 56 points.

Ryan Folan led the way for the Golden Eagles with a score of 40 for 23 points out of the top spot in the lineup. Brayden Drew was second for the Gilford team from the second spot with 22 points and Carson McGreevy in the third spot and Michael Giovanditto in the seventh spot both finished with 16 points



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Brayden Drew putts on the first hole at Derryfield Country Club during action last Wednesday.

round out the scoring for the Golden Eagles. Alicia Lyman scored 13 points from the fifth spot and Andy Taylor scored 11 points in the fourth spot.

Two days later, the Golden Eagles were on the road to Manchester for a meet hosted by Trinity at Derryfield Country Club. The Golden Eagles swept the match, scoring 77 points to edge out the host Pioneers by one

point. Sanborn finished with 70 points and ConVal rounded out the field with 51 points.

Folan earned medalist honors with a score of 37 for 24 points from the top spot in the Gilford lineup. Drew brought home 20 points out of the number two spot and McGreevy finished with 17 points in the third spot. Taylor rounded out the scoring with 16 points in the fourth spot in the lineup while Colton Byars in the sixth spot and Giovanditto in the seventh spot both finished with 16 points as well and Ali Lyman in the fifth spot finished with 15 points.

The Golden Eagles were slated to wrap up the regular season after deadline on Oct. 7. The Division III championships are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17, at Rochester Country Club.

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New Durham Civil War encampment returns for 21st year

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NEW DURHAM — For the 21st year, a group of Civil War reenactors set up camp for a community event to raise money for a scholarship.

On Oct. 6, the New Durham Civil War Encampment set up for its 21st year on Sherry Cullimore's property on Ridge Road. Visitors could see members of the Rochester-based Charles W. Canney Camp #5 reenact an army camp from the Civil War. For a donation



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Members of The Family Band perform at the New Durham Civil War Encampment.

people could also enjoy a buffet of different dishes prepared by volunteers from the community. The Family Band performed songs from the Civil War era in traditional clothing.

The event is organized by Charles W. Canney Camp #5 and the New Durham Historical Society.

Roger Nason and Lance Robicheau started the encampment in 2003 to raise money for a Civil War monument outside **SEE CIVIL WAR, PAGE A8**

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Paint Pottery with Art Escape
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a paint your own pottery program on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center with the Art Escape Ceramic Studio. Choose to paint a plate, mug or bowl; add it to your dinnerware collection or gift it to a loved one. Bring friends and family. We will send your masterpiece to the kiln, and have it ready to pick up at Alton Parks and Recreation on Nov. 15. \$25, register by Oct. 30. Registration forms available at www.alton.nh.gov. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Hit the Trail!- Hiking Program
Join hiker, Bonnie Dodge, for beginner hikes on Fridays at 10 a.m. This is a great opportunity for hesi-

tant folks to discover the wonderful world of hiking. Bring water, comfortable walking shoes, and a snack. Hikes are held Fridays: October 18- Cooper Cedar Woods (in New Durham); Oct. 25- Gilman Pond, and Nov. 1- Pine Mountain. Register by the Wednesday before the hike at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. Program is free.

Pajama Movie Night- Oct. 17
Alton Parks and Recreation and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Pajama Movie Night featuring "Hotel Transylvania" on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. Get ready for Halloween with an entertaining movie to watch. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

After School

Program- Oct. 24
On Early Release days at ACS Alton Parks and Recreation Staff will pick up participants, in grades 1-5, from school and walk together to the Pearson Road Community Center for an afternoon of fun. Activities include: themed games, coloring, crafts, snacks and more. \$5 per child. Future dates are Nov. 8 and Dec. 20. Pick up time at the Community Center is 3 p.m. Limited space, register today by contacting parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Trick or Treat Hours
The Town of Alton Trick or Treat hours are Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. Plan to stop at the Gilman Museum on Main Street between 4:30 and 6 p.m.

for the Monster Mash Costume Runway. Great photo opportunity at our spooktacular place.

Line Dancing Lessons
Line dancing lessons with Jane are held on Thursdays now through Oct. 31: 1-1:30 p.m. for beginners, and 1:40-3 p.m. for experienced dancers at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$10/season. Register on site.

Pilates Classes in Alton Bay- Tuesdays and Thursdays
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certi-

fied instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Alton Trails- All Star
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a get outside and hike program. Hike seven local trails, and receive an Alton Trails All Star sticker. All you have to do is take a photo on each trail, and send the photos to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov. Trails include: Mike Burke Trail; Knight's Pond; Trask Swamp and Fort Point

Woods Conservation Area; Gilman Pond; Mt. Major, Pine Mountain and Cotton-Hurd Brook.

Guided Meditation with Instructor Karen Kharitonov
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Guided Meditation Class on Thursdays: Oct. 24, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Stop in and experience the positive state of meditation. The program is free, donations are greatly appreciated to support local charities. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Alton Rotary to host Lee Swap Shop Coordinator Oct. 17

ALTON — With the Spring re-opening of the Alton Swap Shop the Alton Rotary and Swap Shop Committee felt it was wise to learn from experience. Mr. Martin Thornton, a retired engineering and project manager, seemed to fit the bill perfectly. Among his many qualifications are that he, along with a few others, re-opened their Swap Shop after the COVID pandemic.

Since Mr. Thornton has dealt with just about any problem or concern, he may be able to give insight as to how to work through them. This may include how to work with the Transfer Station head and workers, how to schedule volunteers, how to keep donated articles organized and other potential prob-

lems. He will also be able to mention the benefits the shop has been to the community.

Mr. Thornton will emphasize that all Swap Shops should be managed and run by the volunteers, and may differ from how the Lee shop is handled. However, a PDF of their Operational Guide is available for all those who request it. There will be a time for questions after the presentation as well as an update on the Alton Swap Shop. The meeting is Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center (Senior Center). This Rotary meeting is open to the public.

The Rotary motto is "Service above Self."

Christmas show auditions at Village Players Oct. 10 and 13

WOLFEBORO — Auditions for Barbara Robinson's charming holiday classic "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" are Thursday, Oct. 10, and Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Village Players Theater, 51 Glendon St., Wolfboro. There are roles for several adults and plenty of parts for kids. Performances will be Dec. 13, 14, and 15.

In "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," Grace Bradley reluc-

tantly takes over running the local church's annual Christmas play after the long-time director breaks her leg, but when the Herdman kids show up that's when things really begin to unravel. The rowdy Herdmans have heard about the free snacks and as they are given roles in the pageant, everyone is shocked and dismayed by their behavior. But in the end, the community is surprised to find that the old Christ-

mas story takes on new life, infused with the Herdmans' unbridled energy, creativity, and surprising sincerity. The Village Players are always pleased to welcome new actors to their productions. For auditions Thursday, Oct. 10, children should attend from 6 to 7 p.m. and adults from 7 to 8 p.m. For the Sunday, Oct. 13, auditions, children should come from 2 to 3 p.m., and adults 3 to 4 p.m. Rehearsals begin on

Oct. 17 and continue Thursdays until Oct. 24 and change to Wednesdays and Thursdays on Nov. 6. Tech week is Dec. 8-12. Registration for auditions and more details are at village-players.com.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com and is generously sponsored by Bruce and Kris Gurall.

Light refreshments will be served. At this time, remote access is unavailable. Pre-registration is not mandatory.

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Learn how NH's school funding system affects you

NEW DURHAM — A presentation on how school funding affects property taxes in different towns will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. in the New Durham Community Room, behind the Fire Station.

The talk, tailored specifically to New Durham, is presented by the NH School Funding Fairness Project (NHSFFP), a non-partisan non-profit organization that advocates for an equitable system for students and taxpayers state-wide.

The State of New Hampshire currently funds only a small portion of the cost of each child's public school education; in fact, the state's share of education spending is the lowest in the nation. Local property taxpayers make up the rest.

With insufficient state aid to local school districts, homeowners pay some of the highest property taxes in the country. NHSFFP contends that tremendous differences in property values among cities and towns means

that this heavy reliance on property tax often falls on those least able to afford it.

The program will cover the decades-long fight for fairness among towns, explain the current school funding model and show local examples of the inequities it creates, and discuss the path forward for small towns such as New Durham. A question and answer period will follow.

The presenters ask for attendees to pre-register to ensure enough New

Durham specific handouts are available. Information on the presentation and the advance registration form can be found on the Facebook page of the sponsoring group, the 1772 Meetinghouse Committee, which is New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Friends and on the NHSFFP website, at <https://fairfundingnh.org/events/>.

Light refreshments will be served. At this time, remote access is unavailable. Pre-registration is not mandatory.

Hope Ministries collecting warm clothing for adults

GILFORD — Do you have any gently used warm clothing? Clothing you or your family no longer use? Now you can gift these vital providers of warmth for those in our area. Hope Ministries, at

First United Methodist Church, will be collecting warm clothing through November.

We will be collecting men's and women's

sizes: thermals, long John's, winter boots, snow pants, jackets, hand-warmers, winter socks, gloves. This is the drive's third year

for clothing shared with shelters across the Lakes Region. We thank anyone who is able to help people stay warm.

Please bring any donations to First United Methodist Church office through November (weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon). To drop off donations, ring the doorbell any weekday between 9 a.m. and noon and someone will be there to receive your donations. The church is located at 18 Wesley Way, Gilford.

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Moose Mountain Greenways to host historical walking tour

NEW DURHAM — Please join Moose Mountain Greenways and town historian Catherine Orlowicz for a special presentation and walking tour on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. The presentation will begin at the Cabin located at Birch Ridge Community Forest, New Durham. Attendees will need to register at <https://mmrgnh.org>.

Orlowicz will present a program titled “Fieldstone Walls—Their Form and Function—Birch Hill Community Forest.” While at the cabin, guests, with the aid of photographs, will learn a little history about the beginning and evolution of these barriers that crisscross this rural landscape.



Learn about the type of stones used in their construction, the different styles used in building these enclosures, and the different functions of the fieldstone walls. Guests will walk a little over a mile from the cabin to tour and view fine

examples of fieldstone walls. The destination is the remaining stone features of the homestead of Chase Durgin. There will be examples of fieldstone walls used to keep livestock in or out of areas, the enclosure of a family burial ground, and the foun-

ation for their cape-style home. The return walk to the cabin will provide an opportunity to look out over the breathtaking Merry-meeting Lake and the picturesque landscape of ridgelines near and far.

What's new at the Gilman Library?

ALTON — The Gilman Library now has a collection bin for your donations of non-perishable food items for the Alton Food Pantry. Boxed, Dried, and Canned goods may be placed in the bin inside on the main floor. Your donations will assist local families in need.

Sm-Ar-Ti-Es Kids Science Club meets Thursday, Oct. 10, at 4 p.m. Children learn about a specific topic by reading a short picture book together and then doing group projects or crafts related to the topic. This program encourages children to explore and experiment with science. Unless otherwise posted, the Science Club meets on the Second Thursday afternoon of the month, at 4 p.m. Sign-up is required to ensure that there are enough project supplies for each child. Please call: (603) 875-2550, text: 603-267-4302, or email: email@gilmanlibrary.org, to reserve your spot.

The Gilman Library posts all regular events in the online calendar at gilmanlibrary.org/. A colorfully printed calendar is also available from the circulation desk, to keep you apprised of upcoming programs. The circulation desk also has FAX forms, Friends of the Gilman Library applications, interli-

brary loan request and purchase suggestions slips, as well as several informational brochures about library services and programs. This is also the place to view the current raffle prize, purchase raffle tickets, guess the monthly riddles, or the latest Candy Jar guessing contest. Free stickers, bookmarks, and lollipops are also available. We try to make your every visit memorable and fun.

This month, our featured addition to the nonfiction circulation collection is “Good Energy: The Surprising Connection Between Metabolism and Limitless Health,” ©2024 by Casey Means, MD. Our catalog summary reads in part: “Weaving together cutting-edge research and personal stories, as well as groundbreaking data from the health technology company Dr. Means founded... “Good Energy” offers a new, cutting-edge understanding of the true cause of illness that until now has remained

hidden. It will help you optimize your ability to live well and stay well at every age.” You can read more of the summary and reserve through our online catalog at gilmanlibrary.org, or come in and learn all about it before you check it out.

Our featured new fiction includes two titles: “The Paradise Problem,” ©2024 by Christina Lauren, touted as “the instant New York Times bestselling and “reigning romance queens” (PopSugar). We also have “Shadow State,” ©2024 by M.P. Woodard, continuing the Tom Clancy Jack Ryan series, A Jack Ryan Jr. Novel #12 and the Jack Ryan Universe #39.

One hundred and three items were added to our collection in September, including 6 biographies, 18 Fiction, 8 nonfiction, 25 DVDs, and 30 magazines. Come on into the Gilman Library at 100 Main Street, Alton, and find your next favorite. See you at the library!

Bean hole beans: A long tradition continues at United Methodist Church

GILFORD — On Saturday the 19th of October, First United Methodist Church of Gilford continues its long tradition of serving the best bean-hole beans in the region as part of its Harvest Supper. Cooking beans in the ground may have originated with the New England Native American tribes. The method was then used by marching regiments as they arrived at their destination and the cook had arrived early in the day to prepare the beans buried in holes with hot rocks, so that troops could be fed immediately. The tradition continued into peace time with Grange suppers, Old Home Day suppers and church suppers throughout New England.

For more than 50 years, the First United Methodist Church in Gilford has proudly carried on this tradition. On the Friday before the dinner, the beans are par-boiled, placed in huge iron pots with maple syrup, salt pork and spices. In the late afternoon the two large iron pots are moved to the holes lined with red hot stones where the holes have been prepared by keeping a wood fire burning in the hole the entire day. After covering the holes, the pots are left in the ground for 24 hours. Saturday afternoon the pots are uncovered and lifted out and moved to the dining hall so beans can be scooped into dishes for serving. Folks return year after

year to get their favorite—either dark red kidney beans or yellow-eye beans—both cooked with maple syrup from a local farm in Gilford.

Besides the two kinds of beans, diners are served all-you-can-eat corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, rolls and apple or pumpkin pie for dessert. Tickets for both the 5 setting and the 6:30 p.m. setting are available and cost \$17 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

First United Methodist Church (Hope Ministries) is located at 18 Wesley Way (off Rt. 11A near the 3/11 bypass), Gilford. Call the church office at (603) 524-3289 for information and to make reservations for the dinner. Tickets sell out quickly so call early. Be sure to leave your name and phone number if the office is closed.

Learn about boarding houses of Strafford and South Barnstead

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Historical Society invites you to join us on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Barnstead Town Hall as we learn more about the Boarding Houses of Strafford and South Barnstead.

Ken Berry, of the Strafford Historical Society, will share his discov-

eries as he researched the homes in the area that opened up to receive visitors, primarily during the summer, when people would seek relief from the summer city heat by visiting the “country.” We will also hold our final business meeting of the year following the presentation.



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Opinion

Why fall is the best season of all

Fall in New England is something else. It's the kind of season that makes you stop and take it all in—the crisp air, the explosion of colors, and the cozy feel of it all. After a busy summer, it's the perfect shift into a slower, more connected way of life.

There's just a lot to love about a New England fall. The trees light up with reds, oranges, and yellows, creating landscapes that look straight out of a postcard. And it's not just the scenery, it's the traditions, too. Fall is when small towns come alive with festivals, harvest fairs, porch concerts, and outdoor markets. It's an invitation to gather with neighbors, whether around a bonfire, at a farm stand, or during a weekend spent raking leaves and chatting over cider.

Fall in New England also has that perfect balance. The days are cool but not too cold, just right for a hike, a stroll through town, or picking apples in a local orchard. As the leaves change, they remind us that nothing stays the same forever, and that's okay. This season encourages us to embrace change while appreciating everything we've got right now.

It's also a time for reflection. With winter coming, fall feels like a last big celebration of the year before things quiet down. It's a chance to be thankful for what we have and to focus on what really matters, time spent with family, friends, and neighbors.

So, while the pumpkins, apple picking, and Halloween costumes are fun, the real magic of a New England fall is how it brings people together. It's about enjoying what's around us, building connections, and making the most of this cozy season before the snow flies. That's what makes fall in New England so special.

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Family band

A live band sang Civil War-era songs at A Journey of Honor - Remembrance of the New Durham Civil War Encampment in New Durham on Sunday, an event sponsored by the New Durham Historical Society and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 12th New Hampshire. The conflict may have been a time of brother against brother, and both the North and the South had their own songs, but a poignant fact brought to light by a member of the band was that both sides sang "Home, Sweet Home." As a tribute to the late Steve Dow, a 12th NH member, the band sang his favorite song, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Stuff

Forty years ago, I had a body that worked like a clock. Everything was totally regular. At least until it wasn't. Every morning after breakfast and coffee, I'd have to visit the facilities and make my deposit. Plain and simple. Life was good.

One day, though, it didn't happen. Then the next also. Back then, I had a memory that functioned well and after a week, I made note of it in my calendar. What was one to do? I didn't have a doctor I could ask. There was no internet. I was young and healthy and

didn't need help. When I tried to find one, none were accepting new patients. So life went on.

After two weeks, I considered it kind of a challenge. How long could this continue? Sort of a home spun scientific experiment. By five weeks, I was totally used to no longer considering my post breakfast respite; I just kept putting into one end and not removing anything from the other. Quite magical. Anyone who knew me back then, knew my appetite and knew the quantities I was capable of putting down.

That didn't diminish a bit.

By eight weeks I was starting to feel some discomfort and decided that I ought to see a doctor. Having none, I went to the ER. The doctor there was somewhat disturbed that I actually waited eight weeks, but I had. He proscribed me one of those plastic bags with the hose and a soap packet and instructed me on what to do.

Everything came out alright and thereafter I resumed my regular morning visits and never had any such further ep-

isodes. I cleaned out the bag thing and put it back in its box in case I ever needed it again.

Thinking about this experience reminds me of politics today. All those comfortably elected big shots up in DC have been cramming things down our throats for decades and we certainly haven't gotten any relief whatsoever. Telling us we need this new regulatory agency or benefit, they just keep adding to the stuff overload and constantly hope that there won't be an eruption. There are ac-

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Letters to the Editor

A heartfelt thank you to First United Methodist Church of Gilford-Laconia

To the Editor:

On behalf of The Home Possible Project's Board of Directors, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to the Church Trustees, Trustee Chair Wes Dull, Pastor Nami, and all the members of the First United Methodist Church of Gilford-Laconia for their incredibly generous gift of 6 acres of land. This land will be used to build much-needed supportive housing for adults with developmental disabilities in the Lakes Region.

From our very first meeting with your group, it was clear that we were in the presence of truly special individuals—people with big hearts, open minds, and an unwavering commitment to kindness and understanding. Your support has been a profound reminder of the power of community and shared purpose.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Eliza Leadbeater for her role in connecting our two organizations and for being a steadfast advocate of The Home Possible Project.

With your generous gift, we now embark on our

"Building Dreams" Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funds to bring this vision to life. The need for supportive housing for adults with developmental disabilities is critical, especially as aging family members are increasingly unable to provide the care their loved ones require. Without access to stable, long-term housing, these individuals face uncertainty during a vulnerable time in their lives. Your support ensures that future residents will remain close to the community where they have built friendships and are deeply connected.

We ask the community to stand with us as we continue this important journey of building a more inclusive future. To learn more, visit www.homepossiblenh.org

Lisa DiMartino, Joel Fisher, Karen McDowell, Deb Nugent, Katie Guest, Cheryl Larose, Dorothy Piquado

Board of Directors
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A vote for Democrats is a vote for death

To the Editor:

The Democrat Party hates America. They have become the party of death and destruction. Their current candidates are running on two policies — abortion, abortion and hate Trump, hate Trump and hate Trump. Their policies have failed our country over and over again. They hate Trump because he stands for and will protect the traditional way of American life which includes life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These God given rights require personal responsibility if we are to uphold them and have led to the creation of more self sustaining productive citizens than in any other country in history. Democrats prefer to demolish this.

A vote for any Democrat in the coming election,

whether national candidates or local town candidates, is a vote for the death of natural born citizens and future leaders and for the destruction of the most blessed country since the original Israel. The current Democrat candidate for president hates modern day Israel and would withdraw support for their fight for survival. President Trump has always supported Israel; in fact, he is the only U.S. President to recognize Jerusalem as their true capitol.

Which way will you vote — for preserving the lives of all American children, or for killing them before they have a chance to enjoy life? Will you vote for saving and preserving our great country or destroying it?

Phil Wittmann
Alton

Joyce Craig is the leader New Hampshire needs

To the Editor:

Having served our state in economic development and higher education since the '80's, I have worked with numerous governors on both sides of the aisle and experienced first-hand the difference they can make in the quality of our everyday lives.

Joyce Craig and Kelly Ayotte are the candidates. Based on my experience working with governors through almost four decades, Joyce Craig is the candidate best qualified for the position.

She has the background needed to help our towns and cities address the challenges ahead.

As mayor of Manchester, our largest city, Craig has experienced and addressed first-hand the challenges that a municipality faces — be it quality jobs, housing, public education, and essential services of police, fire, and mental healthcare.

Yes, there are the negative ads about homelessness and drugs, yet she did work to address these issues. She will take the experience of these struggles to the State House with an understanding of what

communities throughout New Hampshire are dealing with.

Our Governor handles a wide range of issues impacting our state and the quality of our lives. It should have nothing to do with being a Republican or Democrat — it is being a facilitator for the people, all the people. Ayotte's only experience is in law enforcement as State Attorney and federal legislation as a US Senator — a very limited perspective.

Our towns and cities need the perspective of a Governor who has walked the streets and worked in the trenches to raise the quality of life and enhance opportunities for residents. Craig has.

New Hampshire needs an experienced leader in the State House for the everyday and various issues and concerns every corner of our state deals with. Joyce Craig is that experienced leader.

Vote, regardless of party, and elect Joyce Craig for Governor.

Eliza Leadbeater
Gilford

Gilford at 50

The students become the teachers

BY KAREN MADON

Luc Martin (Class of '24)
 Matt Carter (Class of '24)
 Scott Hutchison
 Gilford High School

It's a testament to a school when, after graduation, there are students who feel compelled to enter the field of education. Apparently, their teachers served as important role models, and the graduates see the school setting as a place offering positives—both as a lively vocation, and as a life-purpose. It is even more of a testament when former students return to the schools they attended and graduated from.

Gilford (Middle) High School has a strong history of students returning as teachers. They return in a variety of roles, working at the elementary school, the middle school, the high school (teachers and paraprofessionals), the SAU, and as coaches. Currently, 23 GMHS/GHS graduates work for the Gilford School District. The District is proud of its "home grown" talent. Currently working at the elementary school are Rebecca (Higgins) Bedard, Kendra DeVivo, Alicia (Briggs) Carsen, and Lisa (Osborne) Brace. At the middle school: Jessi (Best) Bishop, Amber (Greenlaw) McLane, Max Sawyer, Victoria (Seagar) Hodgson, Andrew Nelson, and Gabby Defregger, who also teaches art classes in the high school. At the high school level: Aaron Witham, Corey Nazer, Lyvie Beyrent, Matt Demko, Prezley Adair, and Anthony Eldridge. Lisa (Osborne) Brace also coaches at the high school, as do Kevin Shaw, Sam Sawyer, Joy (Domin) Southworth, and Lexi Boisvert. Mike Robbs works in Maintenance for Gilford Schools, and Katie (Allen) Bryant works as the Gilford School District's Curriculum & Grants Director. And the names only cover the '24-'25 school year—numerous other grads have worked in the schools over the years as well, while others have worked/are working at the Gilmanton School.

Though he has worked regularly for the last few years with the theater program, Anthony Eldridge



Left to right: Lyvie Beyrent, Corey Nazer, Prezley Adair, Anthony Eldridge, and Matt Demko. Not pictured: Aaron Witham.

COURTESY

(Class of 2017) is a first year Tech Ed teacher at Gilford High School.

Eldridge remembers how "Shop teacher Dan Caron told me I would be a good Shop teacher as I received an award during Senior Awards Night, and this year I took over for him after he retired. Now he subs for me when I am in need of a sub!"

Eldridge recalls how welcoming the school was when he was a student: "I feel like the emergence of cell phones was happening while I was in high school, but everyone still talked to each other, had friendly conversation with strangers, and it was weird to pass by someone in the hall without at least saying hello."

Retired Social Studies teacher Mike Zulauf likes the fact that he got to work with Gilford High School's current Media Coordinator, Corey Nazer (Class of 1990): "I never had Corey as a student, but I certainly knew of him, especially after his performance as the first-ever host for Stunt Night. So, when we had a vacancy in the Social Studies Department back in 1999, I asked him to come in for an interview. Corey proved to be a great addition to the Department. He was a perfect fit and was an excellent colleague for brainstorming ideas and collaborating on

curriculum and lessons. His humor was always evident and helped keep things loose."

Corey Nazer has been a student, a Social Studies teacher, and is invaluable to the school in his current role of overseeing the library and assisting teachers with All-Things-Google: "Between my time as a student and faculty member, I have been in this building for 29 years. I was happy to come back to work at my alma mater in the late '90's. I feel fortunate to have experienced the open concept as both a student and as a teacher. I remember a chalkboard eraser coming over the wall one time during class and landing on my desk. Naturally, I stood up on a chair to look over to see who tossed it—and to my surprise, it was another teacher! He was sitting, giggling about it." Currently, white boards and Smart boards are found throughout the high school, and chalk boards have become a distant, dusty memory

of the past.

Prezley Adair (Class of 2010) is currently a member of the high school Social Studies Department, and says, "There were two teachers who influenced me to pursue teaching. The first would be Rob Meyers, my eighth grade middle school social studies teacher, and the second was my high school History/Psychology teacher, Corey Nazer. Mr. Nazer had such charisma when teaching his classes—there was never a dull moment, and I knew that I wanted to bring fun to the classroom when I became a teacher. Getting to work with the teachers that I had back in 'my day' has been an absolute dream come true."

Retired English teacher Rhetta Colon (English 1984-2008) likewise understands that connection: "I loved having Jessi (Best) Bishop, one of my former students, become part of the English Department while I was still teaching. I felt sort of like the torch was being passed, and I knew

it was in good hands."

And while Bishop has also moved on from the high school English Department, that connection remains strong: Bishop currently serves as Gilford Middle School's Assistant Principal.

Peter Sawyer has built quite a few connections to the Gilford schools: he graduated from GMHS in 1984, he taught in both the middle and high schools after finishing college, and his wife, Monica, was teaching German at the high school when they first met (she now serves on the Gilford School Board). From there, Peter has served as both the Middle and High School principal, all four of his children are GHS graduates, and all three of his sons have worked at the school in various capacities.

Sawyer laughs when he says, "I'm sure some of my teachers were

surprised that I became principal of the high school, and even more surprised that I was their boss! But seriously, the teachers have always been the backbone of the school, during the open concept time all the way up to now."

GHS Band Director Lyvie Beyrent (Class of 2000) feels "quite fortunate to have had some wonderful teachers while at Gilford Middle-High School. They were strict, but gentle in their one-on-one interactions with students, as they wanted the best for their students. Many of them I am still friends with today, which is something I've always admired about the faculty at Gilford—how connected they are to their students, and how much they care."

Anthony Sperazzo, Gilford High School's current principal, has been working in the District since the fall of 2004, and he has always enjoyed everything that the Gilford schools, students, and staff have to offer. Having graduates return to teach is especially rewarding for Sperazzo: "One of the most powerful statements a District can silently make is when so many alumni come back to work within the District. Gilford schools are so unique that it happens all the time. This quiet village, nestled below the mountains, captures alumni and many of them choose never to leave—it's that good here. Our schools get to boast that twenty-one students who walked these halls have grown up and are now walking and working in these same halls, creating special memories for young learners—it says a lot about the Gilford schools."



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REGION — Members of the Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association have worked together to present the latest in home building techniques and designs at the 2024 Lakes Region Parade of Homes.

"We are proud to show off the local building industry to the community each year during the Parade. Our premier builders and supporting trade professionals are the key to the success of this popular event," said Brenda Richards, LRBRA, Executive Officer.

Parade visitors will discover unique homes and floor plans, beautiful communities, the latest in interior design trends and home technology, exterior finishes and outdoor living, and landscaping that will inspire. The tour attracts hundreds of visitors from all around New England, it is couple friendly, and a special way to enjoy the scenic foliage in the Lakes Region.

"Whether you are in the market for a new home, getting ideas to remodel your existing home, or just want something fun to do, we invite you to be our guest at the 2024 Parade of Homes," Richards said.

The Lakes Region Parade of Homes is set for Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 12 & 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. The two-day "self guided tour" will showcase 37,000 square feet of living space and a chance for the public to talk with builders about their building needs. Only one of the homes are for sale, this is not primarily a real estate event but rather an event to educate, entertain and make important connections

for homeowners seeking to find a builder for their new home down the road or future remodel projects.

Visitors pay attention to the details:

- Energy Efficiency: Be sure to ask the builders to give you details on home energy options including: appliances, insulation, lighting, space heating & cooling, water heating and windows and doors.

- Exterior Siding: Be prepared for a variety of exterior finishes to check out including, horizontal lap siding, board and batten putting emphasis on the vertical, creating a taller appearance and brick & stone adding texture.

- Kitchens: Kitchens are a favorite with parade-goers. Be prepared to be "wowed" with this year's homes earthy colors, integrated cabinetry, walk-in pantries, statement lighting, sink work stations and smart appliances.

- Smart Technology: When many people think technology, they think entertainment. But work extends much further than audio and video. Other important elements like central vacuums and home security can help protect the health and safety of your family. Even if a homeowner isn't going to install home automation technology as a part of their new home construction, planning for those needs down the road helps ensure that the proper wiring and systems are in place behind the drywall.

- Rich Colors throughout the Home: While blues, greens, and cool gray shades are trending,



COURTESY

This beautifully renovated Saltbox home, nestled on Lake Waukegan, showcases updates both inside and out. The whole home remodel included an interior transformation to create a bright and open living space featuring a modern, spacious kitchen and elegantly upgraded bathrooms. A new second-floor laundry room adds convenience and charm. On the exterior, new PVC decking, cable railing, sustainably siding, and exterior trim, along with new windows significantly enhance the home's curb appeal. Timeless finishes throughout align perfectly with modern family lifestyles, making this home a standout for both design and functionality. Builder: Lighthouse Contracting Group.

but also, classic neutrals and timeless warm tones can be found in many of the home. Warm grays paired with camel, rust, and brown-blacks," as well as earthy reds and yellows.

- Kitchen Sinks: The modern Farmhouse style will continue to flourish and homeowners are getting creative with "more concrete, stone, copper and granite composite sinks in darker hues of gray, bronze or black."

- Lighting: Light fixtures, including sconces, lanterns, pendants and chandeliers, are making a comeback as crafty home do-it-yourselfers outfit retro fixtures with new technology for one-of-a-kind look. Remarkably, one in five homeowners are choosing "smart" lighting that can be controlled via a mobile device or computer.

- Custom Millwork: Specialty millwork and reclaimed wood walls and detailing will be showcased in many of the homes to create a beautiful ambiance.

Visiting a parade home is a great way to get a first hand look of how you envision your new or renovated home will look and feel. Whether you see yourself having cookouts on the back deck, a maintenance-free exterior, or a kitchen that becomes the gathering place at every party, exploring one of the eight featured homes on this year's tour is a great way to see into your future and possibly meet your new builder to make your dream home vision become a reality.

- Parade-goers will have 38 bedrooms to explore and over 37 bathrooms to view on this year's tour! According to a recent 2024 U.S. Houzz

& Home Study on Renovation trends, Kitchens and Bathrooms Lead in Project Activity: Kitchens continue to lead as the most commonly renovated interior room (29%), followed closely by guest bathrooms and primary bathrooms (27% and 25%, respectively). Living room projects also are popular, with 1 in 5 homeowners (21%) undertaking them.

- Tiny House for Sale! As a bonus, there will be

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or what they see on TV," O'Riordan said. "I want to get them as interested in other things as possible through experience learning opportunities, which can be anything really."

O'Riordan started the school year making connections with students. On the first day of school he spoke to each of the classes about the program and by the end of the day several students came by his office.

O'Riordan will also take students on career-related field trips. Recently he took a group of 30 students to Tradeapalooza at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord with guest speaker Mike Rowe.

O'Riordan has also been making connections with local organizations such as the Rotary as well as meeting with different businesses to make those connections.

Sperazzo said the school is looking to create some pathways to give students an idea of what they might want to check out for possible career options. He said they want to create more community partnerships for O'Riordan to help the students connect with these opportunities.

GHS is mostly offering job shadows now, but is working on the details of setting up internships for the second semester. They already have a few students lined up to do internships later this year.

The school has al-

ready made a number of connections with community partners. Sperazzo said Jeremy Doucet of Lighthouse Construction reached out to the school and asked how he could support this program. Students have had the opportunity to do job shadows with the Laconia Police. Sperazzo said many students learned a big part of police work is spending a day filling out reports. He said a student might see this aspect of the job and realize it's not for them.

O'Riordan said some students went to Rowell's Services to see plumbing and HVAC work. He said they were surprised schools do programs like this and seemed interested.

Senior Harper Maloney is looking to become an electrician and recently a paid internship with Giguere Electric of Gilford and Laconia.

"I kind of just wanted to try it and I liked it, I hadn't really talked to anybody," Maloney said.

Last year he worked with them after school. Over the summer he got hands-on experience at different jobsites, including projects at La-

velopment initiative efforts of inspiring the next generation of building trade professionals.

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ERIN PLUMMER

Gilford High School's Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator Steve O'Riordan talks with students Abby Watson, Allyson Onos, Cameron Bean, and Luke Crawford about the Extended Learning Opportunities program.

conia High School and Plymouth Regional High School. Some of his tasks included pulling wire, working on rooftop units, and helping with the process of putting in new lights in the bathrooms and cafeteria at Laconia High School.

He still wants to pursue his electrical certification after graduation.

"I think it was a good opportunity, I'm glad I got it," Maloney said. "There's not many other jobs you can do when you're in high school that's in that field."

O'Riordan said he would love to organize a job shadow day for the spring and they would be looking to place around 100 sophomores with 100 different places.

The Internship and Extended Learning Opportunities program is seeking any business in the Lakes Region that might be able to offer job shadow or internship opportunities for GHS students. Any business representative interested in taking part in this program can contact Steve O'Riordan at sau73.org and express interest in hosting a student.



COURTESY

The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the After School All Stars Award for the month of September. In the first row is Brianna Cann for leadership and dedication in soccer. In the second row is Mason Vachon for leadership and dedication in soccer. In the third row is Shaelynn Maynard for leadership and dedication in volleyball. Congratulations!

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SPORTS

Golden Eagle girls cruise past Bears to remain undefeated

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — The Winnisquam field hockey team had only 11 players on the roster for the season. When two of those players went down with an injury heading into the Homecoming matchup with the defending champions from Gilford on Saturday, it put the Bears in a bit of a pickle.

However, the Golden Eagles were willing to help out a bit and agreed to only send nine players on the field to match the Bears, leaving a bit of an open field, but a chance for both teams to play a game with an even number of players on each side.

The defending champions proved that they will once again be a force to be reckoned with come tournament time, as they scored three goals in the first half and three more in the second for the 6-0 win.

Camilla Cote had a big drive into the zone for the Bears to start things off, but the Gilford defense turned it around. Zariah Moore also got in the zone for Winnisquam, with Lilly Winward turning her away in the defensive zone. Olivia Keenan made a good run into the zone, only to be met by Moore, Brianna Gammon and Cote. Stasia Soucy also made a stop on another Keenan run and Grace Kelly got in the zone for the champs only to have Ava Sargent and Moore turn her away.

The Golden Eagles got on the board first with 10:13 to go in the first quarter, as Keenan slipped the ball past Bella Soucy in the Bear net for the 1-0 lead. Gilford came right back with a corner chance that Keenan sent in to Grace Southworth, but Bella Soucy made the stop and Calia Blackey's rebound chance went wide of the net. Blackey had another bid that was deflected wide and Cote had another strong defensive stand.

Blackey continued to pressure, sending another shot wide and putting another shot on net that Bella Soucy stopped. Moore and Iris Viera combined for a chance for the Bears, only to see Ally Onos make the defensive stop for Gilford.



Winnisquam's Camilla Cote (right) and Gilford's Grace Kelly battle for the ball during action on Saturday morning in Tilton.

With 4:33 to go in the first, Southworth doubled the Gilford lead and just 22 seconds later, Keenan put home a rebound of a Kelly shot and the Golden Eagles led 3-0. Viera had a good defensive stop on Keenan and Kelly sent the ball through the crease. Winnisquam had a late corner chance and Cote's shot was stopped by Madi Breton in the Gilford net to send the game to the end of the first with Gilford up 3-0.

Southworth had a shot go wide of the net early in the second and Bianca Mendez made a good defensive stop. Catherine Fay and Keenan teamed up on a bid that went wide and Gilford had a corner chance as well. Keenan sent another shot wide of the net and Cote made a good defensive stop. A good clear from Brooke Gammon helped the Winnisquam defense and Blackey had a bid denied by Bella Soucy. Moore and Viera teamed up on a late Bear chance and Keenan sent a shot wide to send the game to halftime with the score still 3-0 for the defending champs.

Keenan and Blackey got in close to start the second half and Emerson Plourde had a shot stopped by Bella Soucy. Moore had a couple of good clears from the zone and Keenan helped turn away a run from Viera at the other end. Keenan sent a shot wide on a corner and then Blackey and Kelly both had shots denied by Bella Soucy in the Bear net.

After another Bear corner, Viera made a run that was stopped by



Olivia Keenan winds up to take a shot during her team's game in Tilton on Saturday morning.

the defense of Addy Normandin and Kelly came back with a chance that went wide of the net for Gilford.

The Golden Eagles were able to up the lead to 4-0 with 4:34 to go in the third quarter, as Southworth put the ball home for her second of the game following a scrum in front of the goal. Emma Legro followed up with a shot that was denied by the Bear keeper and Cote made a good defensive stand on a Gilford corner. Gilford capitalized on a corner chance with 2:36 to go in the third, with Southworth finishing off her hat trick by tipping the ball into the net for the 5-0 lead. Southworth sent another bid wide on another corner and the game went to the fourth with Gilford up 5-0.

Winward got in on the offensive action with a couple of good bids early in the fourth and Bella Soucy stopped a Keenan shot on a Gilford corner. Onos sent a ball in to Kelly that Cote was able to turn around

as well. With 10:17 to go in the game, Southworth finished off a cross from Kelly for her fourth goal of the game and Gilford upped the lead to 6-0. Brooke Gammon made

Winnisquam is scheduled to be in action today, Oct. 10, at Hopkinton at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Newfound on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 4 p.m.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

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OBITUARY

Constance Remington Mitchell, 82

Constance Remington Mitchell, age 82, died on Sept 21, 2024 in Ossipee, NH. She was born on January 31, 1942 in New York City to Carol (Northrop) and Robert Dale Mitchell. After World War II, her family settled in Teaneck, New Jersey where she spent her childhood, graduating from Teaneck High School in 1960.



She entered the University of Michigan with a major in architecture, transferring in her junior year to the New School for Social Research in New York City, changing her major to sociology with the intention of pursuing a career in city planning. While in New York she married, and subsequently moved to Cambridge with her husband where she finally earned her BA from Harvard University in 1968.

Connie had a checkered professional career. After a number of years working as a draftsman in engineering and city planning firms, she separated from her husband and moved to the country in 1971, first in Vermont and later in Barnstead, New Hampshire where she had a small dairy goat farm. Living the country life necessitated finding small-town jobs that provided flexibility. She worked a variety of retail jobs; she worked in banking; publishing; horticulture; and tutoring. She was Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Barnstead in the 1980s, and for over 30 years she was a paralegal. She retired from farming and moved into the "big city" of Wolfeboro in 2016 where she worked seasonally at the Wright Museum of World War II.

In her free time, Connie took part in small town life as a Girl Scout

leader; library trustee; planning board member; and election official. She was active in her church communities wherever she happened to live. Throughout her life she was an avid reader. She pursued her passions for history and archaeology, the built environment, and gardens (she loved to explore these through travel which she did as much as her means allowed). And people: in Wolfeboro, she met some of her favorite people while walking on the Cotton Valley rail trail.

Connie leaves behind a daughter, Nancy (and Kevin) Boyd of Waterford, Michigan. She was Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Barnstead in the 1980s, and for over 30 years she was a paralegal. She retired from farming and moved into the "big city" of Wolfeboro in 2016 where she worked seasonally at the Wright Museum of World War II.

A memorial service followed by a reception will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, Wolfeboro, in October or November of 2024.

and is looking for volunteers. Trunk-or-Treat will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31 for, 5-7:30 p.m. in the town hall parking lot. The event is looking for volunteers to pass out candy. For information and to volunteer email ndrec@newdurham.gov.

online at the Barnstead Parks and Rec Department's website at barnsteadnhparks-rec.com/events. There is also a link to a form people can print and submit to the office in person.

New Durham will host its own Trunk-or-Treat event on Oct. 31

and is looking for volunteers. Trunk-or-Treat will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31 for, 5-7:30 p.m. in the town hall parking lot. The event is looking for volunteers to pass out candy. For information and to volunteer email ndrec@newdurham.gov.

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(continued from Page A1) stead Elementary School parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 4-6 p.m. The event is looking for anyone who would like to decorate their trunk and put on a display at the event.

Signups are available

EDWIN

(continued from Page A4) tually people who believe this is all good. Let me tell you, after such a while, it tends to get uncomfortable.

My Godfather used to say, "The more laws we have, the less freedom." They used to store all the law paperwork up in the rotunda of the capital building I've been told. I've also been informed that the sheer size and weight of the paperwork of all these laws requires that they be stored elsewhere. They just keep adding and never subtracting. We need some relief.

What ever happened to a balanced budget? I need to live within my means. I'd love to be able to tap total strangers incomes to pay my way. That's what our government is doing. We're in

the strangers category. I believe my country should also live within it's means. I've heard that we can't do that because of unknown military expenditures in case of war. Well then split it into two budgets. At least get some of it under control. You have to start somewhere.

This morning I had a senior event. Things change when we get up in the three score and ten range. My morning constitutional started out a bit slow and eventually refused to move past a certain point. I spent an hour and a half trying to convince things to proceed as desired. Nothing was working. I was already late for school and in a total impasse, unable to advance, or retreat. I was exhausted. I called the office and warned them that I'd be late.

In my dilemma, I re-

membered the little box that had been following my stuff for the last forty years or so. I quickly found it, filled it, and put it into use. It wasn't long thereafter that, in jubilation, I thanked God for little plastic bags with hoses.

I managed to resist all the urges I had as I drove to school and, thank God, my first period was free so I could easily tend to the aftershocks of the eruption.

I wish it were so simple to get our over bloated government under control. Every one of our dignitaries ought to get a little plastic bag with a hose. Send one to your representatives today. Maybe we can get something started.

E.Twaste
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Lake Winnepesaukee Association announces name change

MEREDITH — The Lake Winnepesaukee Association announced today that it has officially changed its name to the Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance (LWA). Founded by volunteers in 1976, LWA has had dedicated staff since 2011 focused on safeguarding the water quality and natural resources of Lake Winnepesaukee. This name change reflects the organization's renewed focus on collaboration to address the growing challenges threatening the lake today and in the future.

"The word 'Alliance' was chosen to highlight the critical role that property owners, businesses, municipalities, and recreational users all play in protecting Lake Winnepesaukee's water quality," said Pat Tarpey, President of LWA. "Lake Winnepesaukee is an exceptional resource of statewide, regional, and even national importance. Now, more than

ever, we must intensify efforts to preserve its water quality and, in some cases, restore it."

As part of this transition, the Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance has also introduced a new logo and tagline: "Our lake. Our future." This new branding reinforces the shared responsibility we all have in ensuring clean, clear waters which are essential to both the environment and the local economy of the Lakes Region.

Peter Glick, Chair of the LWA Board, added, "With the increase in cyanobacteria blooms this past summer, public awareness about the lake's vulnerabilities has risen significantly. If we are going to effectively address this threat, we need to galvanize public concern into effective action. LWA's proven science-based approach to water quality protection has been successful in guiding advocacy and action to date, but we need to expand our efforts and

attract broader support to tackle the challenges Lake Winnepesaukee faces."

The Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance will continue its mission of fostering collaboration across the community to ensure that future generations can enjoy a healthy and vibrant lake.

For more information on how you can protect the lake, please visit www.winnepesaukee.org or contact at 603-581-6632.

About the Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance

The Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance (formerly the Lake Winnepesaukee Association) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving the water quality and natural resources of Lake Winnepesaukee. Through education, advocacy, and science-based initiatives, LWA works with residents, businesses, and stakeholders to safeguard this critical resource for generations to come.

CIVIL WAR

(continued from Page A1) town hall.

Nason said he used to live in New Durham and would see other war memorials in front of town hall, but didn't see any memorial for those who fought in the Civil War. He said that 10 percent of the town's population fought in the Civil War yet there was no memorial. His own great-great-grandfather died in the war.

Nason and Robicheau decided to do a fundraiser for a memorial. They worked with the New Durham Historical Society to bring their own Charles W. Canney Camp #5 to the event.

The encampment has taken place every year on the property of Sherry Cullimore on Rudge Road. The encampment was originally going to be at the Meetinghouse, but Cullimore offered her property because it was flatter and had plenty of parking area.

She said she loves the idea of people coming and history being reenacted there.

"I'm a historian, so I just love that whole aspect," Cullimore said.

The first event ended up raising more than the initial goal.

"Now I'm proud to say there is a Civil War memorial in front of the town hall," Nason said.

Robicheau said the event was initially supposed to be for one year but continued for another one and has gone on for 21 years since then.

The encampment then became a fundraiser for a scholarship. Each year the scholarship is presented to a student from New Durham who will be pursuing postsecondary education.

This year's the \$2,000 scholarship went to Natasha Bamford, a student at the University of New Hampshire majoring in Hotel Management.

New Durham Historical Society president Catherine Orlowicz said this has become a community event.

"It's been fun watching people reconnect," Orlowicz said.

Over the years, the encampment has taken place under some harsh weather conditions including high heat, rain, frost, and light snow.

"When offered an opportunity to seek more comfortable accommodations the response was always, 'Thank you very much, but our ancestors endured harsher conditions. This is nothing compared to their discomforts and sacrifices,'" Orlowicz said during a speech at the event.

Robicheau said a big part of this event is educating the public about Civil War history.

He also said the reenactors are a close group who enjoy spending time with each other and meeting new people.

"It's great sharing the history, we have great camaraderie with all the

guys here," Robicheau said.

Nason said this event has been a big tradition and his kids grew up with it

"I'm actually very proud to be part of this tradition," Nason said.

Historical Society Vice President Mark McFadden said he is amazed by how long this event has gone for and he said this is a worthy cause.

"It's vital for us to learn from the past, it opens up a pathway to the future," McFadden said. "The atmosphere is contemplative; everyone enjoys being here."

Several local people volunteered their services for the event including making different dishes and contributing other foods and beverages. Historical Society Hospitality Coordinator Dot Veisel organized the buffet and instructed each of the cooks to make any specialty dish. She said it was an honor to be part of this event.

"I have such respect for these men for carrying out this tradition," Viessel said.

Cecile Chase made vichyssoise, a soup made from ingredients including leeks, potatoes, and cream.

Chase said she ahs tried to make something for the event for the last few years and has been involved in different aspects of the event. She said the scholarship is a worthy cause and she also likes the event's sense of community.

"There's people of all ages and people I don't get to see very often," Chase said.

Church Service SCHEDULE

<p>ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH Sunday School for children up to age 12. Service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union. Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit abundantharvestnh.org or e-mail ahf@faith.com.</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FARMINGTON Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday School: 10:15 AM Sept. To June 400 Main Street Farmington, NH 05855 www.farmingtongnchurch.org</p>
<p>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER Sundays throughout the summer 10 am & 7 pm: 875-6161.</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW DURHAM NH Sun. School 9:30am; Church 10:30am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm. Depot St., New Durham; Pastor Ryan Blackard</p>
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<p>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH Worship Service 10:00am Bible Study 11:15am Rte 126 next to Town Hall Call or Text (603) 269-8831 centerbarnsteaducc.org</p>	<p>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL 40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, 875-2548 Father Robert F. Cole Pastor. Mass Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am; Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.</p>
<p>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF PRAISE C.O.P. PRAISE GATHERING Gathering Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. The Gilmanston Community Church 1803 NH Route 140, Gilmanston, NH ccoppraisegathering@gmail.com</p>	<p>ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield Rev. Miriam Acevalo with Rev. Stephen Ekerberg www.ststephenspittsfield.com</p>
<p>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON Pastor Jared Cassidy 10am Worship service Sunday 20 Church St Alton (603) 875-5561 www.ccaalton.com</p>	<p>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rt. 171 at Tugboat Cove Sunday services 10:30 am. Church 603-539-8058</p>
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Alton Garden Club learns about new plantings at gazebo

ALTON — On Sept. 24, the Alton Garden Club met at River Run Cottage and enjoyed a wonderful luncheon and program given by member Jill Houser. If you've noticed the change downtown by the gazebo, new plantings including trees and specialty plantings, it's the result of her hard work and that of her group, which includes the Girl Scouts of Alton.

Houser's topic was Native Plants of New Hampshire. Native plants are species that have evolved and naturally occur in a particular region, ecosystem or habitat over long periods of time (thousands of years). These plants are well adapted to the region and provide vital resources such as food and shelter for native wildlife, including pollinators, birds and insects. Other native wildlife, white-tailed deer, white footed mice,



chipmunks, squirrels and other mammals also enjoy the native plants. There's a balance with native plants feeding native wildlife.

Houser brought an assortment of garden vegetation that was difficult to identify because the blooms had gone by. She managed to stump most of us.

When we think of new plantings, we should look to native

plants. Some wildflowers are Black Eyed Susan, New England Aster, Purple Coneflowers, Goldenrod, Joe Pye Weed, Wild Bergamot/Bee Balm, Honeysuckle and Bone-set. Keep in mind that you're looking for the native plant, not the hybrid. Houser's lists also included grasses, trees and shrubs. The thing to keep in mind is that these plants are easier to grow and enjoyed by the wildlife that have depended on them for millennium.

She also provided the names of grasses, trees and shrubs that thrive in our region. She recommends the Facebook group Native Plants of New England.

We have just two more meetings scheduled for this season. Watch The Baysider for information on our October meeting. You are welcome to join us.

If you are curious about Garden Club and want further information, see our Web site, Altongardenclub.com.

Gilford Community Church hosts Gals' Night Out

GILFORD — The Gilford Community Church is hosting their next "Gals' Night Out" on Friday, Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. This month's program will feature Line Dancing with Bonnie Deutch along with a delicious dinner catered by Ellie Murphy. Tickets are

\$25 per person, and can be purchased in the church office.

We will again be collecting donations at the GNO event for the New Beginnings Shelter. They are currently in need of the following items: Diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels,

Twin Size Blankets/Comforters, Shampoo/Conditioner, Laundry Soap, Silverware, Twin Sheets, Boys Clothing (sizes 2T-16) and kid's shoes.

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd., the Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an inclusive, open com-

munity that welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. Viewable live on YouTube, Sunday service at GCC takes place at 10 a.m. To learn more about GCC, or virtually attend service, visit gilfordcommunitychurch.org.

SPORTS

Golden Eagles notch two more shutouts

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford girls' soccer team picked up two more shutouts last week, winning 8-0 at Bishop Brady on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and beating Belmont by a 9-0 score on Friday, Oct. 4.

Against Brady, the Golden Eagles came out strong from the opening whistle and controlled the game, keeping the ball in the Brady end for the majority of the time, scoring six goals in the first half and two in the second half.

"After a tough week last week, this was a good game to start the week," said coach Rob Meyers. "We were able to take control early and give a lot of players some varsity playing time."

"We are having great

production up front from sophomore Macy Sawyer and freshman Clara Thompson, they are working well with our midfielders and giving opposing teams trouble with their ball control and quickness," he added.

Thompson had three goals and three assists for her first varsity hat trick, Sawyer had three goals and an assist, Leah Davignon had a goal, Anya Arenstam had her first varsity goal, Anna Coapland had two assists and McKenna Clayton and Kendal Heyman each had an assist. Aariah Dewar had a pair of saves in net.

Against the Raiders to close the week, the Golden Eagles dominated the game from the opening whistle, scoring three goals in

the first 10 minutes, putting in six goals in the first half and three more in the second half.

"This was the second game in a row that we really played well up front," Meyers said. "Again, we were able to rest a lot of players and give players some playing time."

"These games are

important as we are starting seven seniors this year, so allowing underclassmen time on the field is important to get them some experience and see the game at the varsity level," he continued. "While the defensive end has been quiet this week, Ava Wilson and Gracey Leblanc worked some real-

ly good set piece plays today."

Sawyer had three goals and an assist, Thompson had two goals and two assists, LeBlanc had two goals and an assist Davignon and Mia Macaione each had a goal, Coapland and Wilson each had two assists and Heyman had an assist.

The Golden Eagles will be in action on Friday, Oct. 11, at Campbell at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Prospect Mountain on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Oct. 10
WINNISQUAM

Field Hockey at Hopkinton; 4

Friday, Oct. 11
BELMONT

Boys' Soccer at Berlin; 3:30

Girls' Soccer vs. Berlin; 3:30

GILFORD

Boys' Soccer vs. Somersworth; 4

Field Hockey vs. Berlin; 4

Girls' Soccer at Campbell; 4

WINNISQUAM

Boys' Soccer at Newfound; 4

Saturday, Oct. 12
WINNISQUAM

Football vs. Farmington; 2

Tuesday, Oct. 15
GILFORD

Boys' Soccer at Prospect Mountain; 4

Field Hockey vs. Mascenic; 4

Girls' Soccer vs. Prospect Mountain; 4

WINNISQUAM

Boys' Soccer vs. White Mountains; 4

Wednesday, Oct. 16
BELMONT

Volleyball at Kearsarge; 5:15

GILFORD

Volleyball at Merrimack Valley; 6

WINNISQUAM

Cross Country at Mascoma; 4

Field Hockey vs. Newfound; 4

Thursday, Oct. 17
BELMONT

Cross Country at Merrimack Valley; 4

GILFORD

Cross Country at Merrimack Valley; 4

Field Hockey at St. Thomas; 6

WINNISQUAM

Field Hockey vs. Franklin; 4

All schedules are subject to change.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Oct. 10
KENNETT

Girls' Soccer vs. Kingswood; 5:30
Volleyball vs. Milford; 6

KINGSWOOD

Girls' Soccer at Ken-
nett; 5:30

PROSPECT

MOUNTAIN

Boys' Soccer at
Conant; 4

Girls' Soccer vs.
Conant; 4

Friday, Oct. 11
KENNETT

Boys' Soccer at King-
swood; 7

Football vs. Bow; 7

KINGSWOOD

Boys' Soccer vs. Ken-
nett; 7

Field Hockey vs. Mer-
rimack Valley; 5:30

Football at Merri-
mack Valley; 6:30

Volleyball vs. Pel-
ham; 6

Saturday, Oct. 12
KINGSWOOD

Cross Country at Mer-
rimack Valley; 2

PROSPECT

MOUNTAIN

Cross Country at
Newfound; 10

Tuesday, Oct. 15

KENNETT

Boys' Soccer at Merri-
mack Valley; 6

Field Hockey at Oys-
ter River; 4:30

Girls' Soccer vs. Mer-
rimack Valley; 4

KINGSWOOD

Boys' Soccer vs. Hol-
lis-Brookline; 6:30

Girls' Soccer at Hol-
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Field Hockey vs. Mil-
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worth; 6

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Alton	182 Frank C. Gilman Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$625,000	Ryan L. Heath LLC	Erik M. and Amy C. Jones
Alton	Lily Pond Road	N/A	\$490,000	Julie C. and Kelley J. Schevis	Ron & Suzi RET and Ronald J. Konopka
Alton	Lily Pond Road, Lot 22-5	N/A	\$437,000	Maurice A., Jr. and Patricia S. Lambert	Tyler Schultz
Alton	Main Street	N/A	\$435,000	Robert H. and Michelle A. Deroche	3 Monument Sq. LLC
Alton	Sleepers Island	N/A	\$676,933	Christiana E. Clews	Pond Property LLC
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$550,000	Bethal Builders LLC	Frank Saraceno
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$17,533	James E. Gaudette	X Factor Land LLC
Barnstead	37 Forest Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$462,000	Stohldrier Fiscal Trust and N	Nikole C. Stohldrier Bryan L. and Margaret A. Westover
Barnstead	142 Varney Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$775,000	Paul and Joan M. Monaco	Lauren S. and Andrew W. Geurtsen
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$90,000	Patricia A. Whalen	Tucker Collins
Gilford	24 Hatch Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$500,000	McLaughlin Fiscal Trust and Patrick McLaughlin	Lindsay Brennan
Gilford	31 Henderson Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$700,000	Tracie L. Corbett	Van Ham Trust and David T. Van-Ham
Gilford	2761 Lake Shore Rd., Unit 2	Condominium	\$550,000	Kristin A. and Debra M. Skinner	Craig and Jessica Lapaglia
Gilford	Morrill Street	N/A	\$248,000	Marjorie E. Sikora Estate and Jessica L. Bedard	182 Morrill St. LLC
Gilford	57 Sherwood Forest Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$950,000	Phyllis M. Pryne	Jessica Davis and Samuel Chapin
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$650,000	Chauncey W. Pearson and Christine Pratt	Rossvw LLC
Gilmanston	130 Griffin Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$426,000	Janice E. White	James M. and Amber N. Caron
Gilmanston	Montauk Way	N/A	\$30,000	Pilar D. Okker	Glenn and Eva-Lena Schroder
New Durham	Garmish Drive	N/A	\$24,000	Blue Light Land LLC	Steven Longo
New Durham	Ham Road	N/A	\$100,000	Scott and Catherine Bonneau	Richard W. Morell
New Durham	N/A	N/A	\$10,000	C.A. Morris & A. Marie JRET	Blue Light Land LLC

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium.

Students enroll at St. Lawrence University

CANTON, N.Y. — Members of the Class of 2028 begin their St. Lawrence adventure as one of the most academically distinguished cohorts in the University's history. Tied with last year's class for the record-high average GPA of 93, and with nearly half graduating in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, these new Laurentians are ready to explore, learn, and make a significant impact within our dynamic and supportive campus community.

St. Lawrence University welcomed the following new students: Carter Forest of Gilford Charlotte Lehr of Gilford First-year students come from 30 states and journeyed to the North Country from 40 countries from Armenia, Australia and Austria to Uganda and Venezuela. Among them are students from 16 of the 18 United World Colleges, with a particularly strong representation from UWC

East Africa's Arusha and Moshi campuses. The Class of 2028 brings a wide range of talents and interests, with a strong commitment to serving others and leading by example. A remarkable 87 percent have held leadership roles in high school, and 73 percent have participated in community service and fundraising efforts. President Kate Morris congratulated the high-achieving Class of 2028 and transfer students (who earned an average 3.4 GPA from their previous institutions). "Each of you brings unique strengths, perspectives, and achievements that have led you here," she said. "Your presence in this community speaks to your potential and the promise we see in you." The Class of 2028 represents an impressive mix of talents and skills, including: 90 percent participated in high school sports, including state championship appearances in 12

different sports. 40 percent of the class has been recruited to compete for the Saints. 55 percent have been involved in academic organizations, honor societies, and research. 29 percent have pursued passions in art, music, theater, and creative writing. Their creative achievements include award-winning photography, film festival participation, and contributions to podcasts and essays. 29 percent of the class have engaged in wilder-

ness experiences and outdoor activities across the country and around the world. With 34 percent of the class expressing interest in the sciences, 25 percent in business, economics, and finance, 18 percent in the social sciences, 13 percent in the arts, humanities, and interdisciplinary areas, and 11 percent eager to explore before committing to a specific field, the Class of 2028 is ready to take advantage of the opportunities that await them.

"You will be amazed at what you can accomplish here," said Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Florence Hines, who signed each and every one of the students' acceptance letters. Hines went on to reassure the group that even if their days aren't all picture-perfect, there will always be someone available to listen and offer support. St. Lawrence's First-Year Program is one of the oldest living/learning programs in the nation that envelops new college students in a vital web of academic and social resources. "It isn't easy to tell people what you are dealing with, but you know what? The minute you do, this community wraps its arms around you," Hines added. "We will remind you that you've got this. We've got this. And even more important, we've got you." Fall semester classes began on Aug. 28.



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Great Waters welcomes new board chair

WOLFEBORO — At its recent annual meeting, the Great Waters Music Festival board elected Chris Coulter as its new chair.

Coulter is Vice President of Club Consulting at the McMahon Group, where he provides consulting services in strategic planning, operations, capital fundraising, and facility improvement. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the Cornell

(Right) Barbara Olcott passes the baton to Christian Coulter as the Great Waters next Board Chair.

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School of Hotel Administration and CCM and ECM designations.

Prior to his current position at the McMahon Group, Coulter served twenty seasons as the General Manager of Bald Peak Colony Club, a seasonal private club on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Tuftonboro and have three adult daughters.

Other officers elected at the meeting were Karen Haskell of Wolfeboro, vice president; Jim Michener, secretary; Jack Callahan, treasurer; and Lauren Shealy, member-at-large. Returning directors include Dr. Eric Gibson, Philadelphia, Becky Hlidek, Melvin Village, Nancy Mack, Nantucket, Gary McGloin, Wolfeboro, Peg Mongiello, Wolfeboro, Tim White, Mirror Lake and both directors emerita Barbara Lobbell, Wolfeboro and Barbara Olcott, Naples, Florida. Joan Myers, Alton, serves as Executive Director of the organization.

The Mission of Great Waters is to present and create outstanding musical, educational, and artistic events appealing to a wide variety of tastes that enrich the cultural lives of those living in and visiting the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

The organization was founded almost thirty years ago by retired music professor Dr. Gerald Mack and a group of local and summer residents and representatives from area businesses. Today, the organization offers performances in the summer at two locations: its Concerts in the Clouds series at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough and its Concerts in Town series at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro.

ABA Monthly Member Highlight: The Plush Pooch Pet Spa, LLC

ALTON — Every month, the Alton Business Association sits down with one of our amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! We ask each member the same questions, providing an opportunity for our members to highlight the important work that they do in our communities. If you're an ABA Member and would like to be considered for future Monthly Member Highlights, please reach out to us via email at info@altonbusinessassociation.com

Q: Tell us about your business?

A: At The Plush Pooch Pet Spa, we offer a range of luxurious grooming services for your furry friend. Our dedicated service providers ensure the utmost care and attention in a relaxing environment. We take pride in our services, and use some of the highest quality products in the industry and specialized techniques.

We believe in creating a safe space for your pets, one without fear or stress, in which we can form a basis of trust and understanding. A one on one session is personalized, where we will spend the allotted time with your pet, from start to finish, without interruptions or distractions. When you book an appointment at The Plush Pooch Pet Spa, you can be confident that your pet will be the priority.

Q: Tell us about yourself?

A: My name is Leia, Owner/Groomer at The Plush Pooch. We are a family owned business, and I personally have been grooming dogs &

cats professionally since 2008, starting as a bath-er before moving on as a grooming apprentice. When I'm not working, I most likely am lavishing our 4 dogs and Savannah cat with belly rubs and all the love they can handle. I consider myself an old soul who has an affinity for the beauty of nature, and believes in the strong foundation of family.

Q: How did your business get started?

A: Being in the grooming business since 2008 and working for many different groomers I reached a point where I wanted my own shop. Our family discussed it and both my husband and daughter were all for it. My whole family works at the shop, and it is amazing!

Q: What has your relationship with the Alton Business Association done for you or your business?

A: The Alton Business Association (ABA) has been such a big help, answering the many questions that I have had on different things. My husband, Mark, does a lot of marketing and collaborating for the business and attends ABA meetings when he can. He has gained so much information and guidance through the ABA. It is so appreciated.

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: How caring, friendly, accepting and genuine everyone is.

Q: Why did you want to open your business in this community?

A: We live in Farmington, so not far away. Mark's dad lived in Alton Bay for many years

and he remembers how nice it was when he visited. Things just seemed like this community was meant to be. We looked at many properties that just didn't have what we were looking for. Then this location appeared in our search one day and it was already pretty much a turn key location. Everything just seemed to come together for us in this community.

Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: Designing the shop to be a little unique. Most customers cant believe it when they walk in the door and see an actual Plush spa in a grooming salon.

Q: What does the future hold for you and your business?

A: Our goal is to grow and expand our business for many years. Hopefully within a couple of years we will be adding mobile grooming to our business. As I said everything is just a great fit here in Alton.

Q: What is one piece of advice you wish you had as a new business member?

A: Not being afraid to pursue your dreams.

Q: How can people who want to learn more about you or your business get in touch with you?

A: We are on all social media platforms (The Plush Pooch Pet Spa). Through our website, <https://www.theplushpoochpetspanh.com>. By phone 603-403-0017 call or text, or stop by the salon located at 166 Wolfeboro Hwy Unit #2, Alton, NH 03809. See you there! - Leia and Mark

PMHS students set sail on deep sea fishing trip

SEABROOK — Thursday, Sept. 26, Prospect Mountain High School took 25 students on a deep sea fishing excursion out of Seabrook on Eastman's Fleet Charters as part of the school's enrichment program in order to have the students foster school spirit and culture as well as experience the outdoors and all it has to offer.

The weather was a little turbulent that day and the kids experienced the seas at a constant eight to twelve foot swells with some reaching the occasional 15 feet.

Although some of the students felt a little under the weather, most of



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Students and Advisors from PMHS on Eastmans Charters out of Seabrook, about to enjoy a fun day of fishing out on the ocean.

them endured the rough seas and caught a significant number of fish that day. The mates on the boat estimated that the group took home over three hundred pounds of fish to share with their families, mostly pollock, cod and haddock. One student caught a nine-foot blue shark that was

released at the side of the boat, which continued to circle the vessel and eat the catches or some students when they pulled their fish to the surface. Although some felt a little queasy, all had a great experience that they could share with their school, friends and family.

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CITATION FOR PUBLICATION COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE Superior Court Rule 4(d)



Elaine Ann Holt, Trustee of the Holt Hill Revocable Trust v Estate of Harold T. Lowe and Estate of Herbert G. Dale

Case Name: **Lowe and Estate of Herbert G. Dale**
Case Number: **211-2024-CV-00103**

Date Complaint Filed: May 09, 2024

A Complaint to Quiet Title to a certain tract of land with any attached buildings located in Alton, in the State of New Hampshire has been filed with this court. The property is described as follows:

59 Bay Hill Road, Alton, NH, which is further identified in the Town of Alton Tax Records as Map 0012, Lot 0007-000

The Court ORDERS:

Elaine Ann Holt, Trustee of the Holt Hill Revocable Trust shall give notice to Estate of Harold T. Lowe; Estate of Herbert G. Dale of this action by publishing a verified copy of this Citation for Publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Marble Current and The Baysider, a newspaper of general circulation. The last publication shall be on or before November 01, 2024.

Also, ON OR BEFORE

30 days after the last publication

Estate of Harold T. Lowe; Estate of Herbert G. Dale shall electronically file an Appearance and Answer or responsive pleading with this court. A copy of the Appearance and Answer or other responsive pleading must be sent electronically to the party/parties listed below.

November 22, 2024

Elaine Ann Holt, Trustee of the Holt Hill Revocable Trust shall electronically file the Return of Publication with this Court. Failure to do so may result in this action being dismissed without further notice.

Notice to Estate of Harold T. Lowe; Estate of Herbert G. Dale: If you are working with an attorney, they will guide you on the next steps. If you are going to represent yourself in this action, go to the court's website: www.courts.state.nh.us, select the Electronic Services icon and then select the option for a self-represented party. Complete the registration/log in process then select "I am filing into an existing case". Enter the case number above and click Next. Follow the instructions to complete your filing.

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Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" comes to life on the Colonial stage

LACONIA — Witchcraft comes to the Colonial Theatre this October with Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's gripping production of Arthur Miller's classic play, "The Crucible." Written as an allegory to the Red Scare/McCarthy Trials of the early 1950's, Miller takes us back to 1692 Salem, Mass. as witchcraft hysteria reaches the Puritan townspeople.

The Salem Witchcraft Trials have long brought attention to Salem and fascinated the

world, often through productions of Miller's play, a mix of historical fact and dramatized fiction. The play begins with the aftermath of the local Reverend discovering his daughter and niece dancing in the woods - a shocking scandal for the era! Suddenly powerless girls facing beatings for their sacrilegious act become powerful finger pointers when the adults in the community decide blaming witches for the ills in their community is



Amanda Wagner (as Abigail Williams) begins to name names as Aria Sargent (Betty Parris) looks on.

the best remedy. Just about all the deadly sins are on full display as characters work to keep themselves out of the hangman's noose while taking out their enemies.

The cast is a mix of Powerhouse regulars and newcomers, and is led by Kenny Aber as John Proctor, Laura Iwaskiewicz as Elizabeth Proctor, and Amanda Wagner as Abigail Williams. The cast of 26 is led by director Bryan Halperin, assisted by Debbi Finkelstein

and stage managed by Merrie Compagna.

According to Assistant Director Finkelstein, "The Salem Witch Trials have lived on in the imaginations of Americans since the 18th century. Miller's take on the event helps to bring the paranoia and hysteria to life for modern audiences, adding in a sexy twist, while also holding up a mirror to ourselves, showing that some things never change - from 1692 to the 1950s to today."

Katie Dobbins nominated for New England Music Award as Performer of the Year

GILFORD — New Hampshire based singer-songwriter Katie Dobbins (Gilford) has received a prestigious nomination for Performer of the Year by the 2024 New England Music Awards Committee.

Held annually at locations in the Boston area, the New England Music Awards (NEMA) highlight musicians of all musical genres throughout the six New England states. Nominees for this year were announced Sept. 28, and voting by the public is



open through Oct. 11. This year's winners will be announced at the upcoming NEMA ceremony which will be held on Sunday, November 10th, 2024 at the Six String Stage in Foxborough, Mass.

Known for her heartfelt lyrics and captivating stage presence, Dobbins consistently connects with audiences, moving them with her authentic performances. Dobbins' musical talent and natural ability to be herself on and off stage has garnered her a loyal following, making her a standout performer in the New England music scene.

With regard to the 2024 NEMA nomination,

Dobbins said "I'm truly honored to be recognized among such talented artists."

She followed that with "My music and onstage experience is all about connection, and I'm so grateful for the support from my fans in both the local community and the broader New England area."

Fans can support Katie and other New England artists with their votes - each day through Oct. 11 - by going to the NEMA Web site at nemusicawards.com/vote.

For more information about Katie Dobbins and her music, visit katedobbinsmusic.com.

The Crucible will be performed Oct. 11-13, with the Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. The show is part of the Colonial Series sponsored by Grappone Mazda and Bank of New Hampshire. Powerhouse season sponsors are Lavalley Middleton Building Supply, Meredith Village Savings Bank, and the Platinum Group. Tickets can be purchased at the Colonial box office or via <https://www.powerhouseh.org/thecrucible>. Beware of third party sites that mark up the ticket prices - the tickets range from \$18-\$24.

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